Sale o loose spices

1497. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995 to ban the sale of loose spices; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that the provision is strictly adhered to by all to protect the health of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, who are dealing with the subjectm have stated that there is a provision in the PFA Rules, 1955 to ban sale of loose spices. They have further informed that the provision had been brought to the notice of all concerned including States/UTS for strict compliance.

गुजरात द्वारा संसाधनों का जुटाया जाना

1498. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के प्रथम तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात सरकार द्वारा संसाधन जुटाने हेतु किये गये अपर्याप्त प्रयासों पर चिंता व्यक्त की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान संसाधन जुटाने हेतु जिलावार क्या-क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं;

(ग) इस अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक जिले द्वारा वास्तव में कितने-कितने संसाधन जुटाए गये;

(घ) संसाधन जुटाने के मामले में केन्द्रीय सरकार का कितना हिस्सा है; और

(ङ) संसाधन जुटाने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गमंग): (क) वार्षिक योजनाओं के लिए राज्य सरकार के साथ विचार-विमर्शों में पर्याप्त संसाधन जुटाने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया जा रहा है ताकि वे आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए अनुमोदित परिव्यय को पूरा करने में समर्थ हो सकें।

(ख) और (ग) राज्य की वार्षिक योजनाओं के लिए सहमत परिव्यय राज्य में प्रत्येक जिले के लिए नहीं, बल्कि संपूर्ण राज्य के लिए निर्धारित किया जाता है।

(घ) और (ङ) निम्नांकितों के आबंटनों को शामिल करते हुए राज्य योजनाओं के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता (1) खुला बाजार उधार (एस०एल०आर० आधारित), (2) सल मझौता ऋण तथा वित्तीय संस्थाओं से अन्य अग्रिम, (3) केन्द्रीय सहायता (फार्मूला आधारित), (4) विदेशी सहायता प्राप्त परियोजनाओं के लिए अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता, (5) संसाधनों सहित राज्यों को अन्तरित केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित स्कीमों के लिए सहायता और (6) विशेष समस्याओं के लिए राज्यों को दी जाने वाली अन्य सहायता- 1992-93, 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 की वार्षिक योजनाओं के लिए अनुमोदित परिव्यय का क्रमशः 40, 36 तथा 39 प्रतिशत बैठती है।

Audits in Super Bazar

1499. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether audits are carried out regularly in all branch-stores, RDCs, mobile-vans, administrative offices and Control Room of the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the number of times audits were carried out during the last three years;

(c) the drawbacks pointed out in the audit reports and remedial measures taken thereon; and

(d) the extent of loss suffered by the Super Bazar during each of last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Audit in Super Bazar is carried out once a year. Audit has been completed upto the year ending 31st March, 1994.

(c) As per report received from Super Bazar, audit observations mainly relate to shortages, old outstandings against sundry debtors, maintenance of fixed assets records and obtaining of credit limit from the Registrar or Cooperative Specities. Super Bazar has reported that appropriate action has been taken on all these points.

(d) Super Bazar is not in loss but in profit. During 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, Super Bazar earned a net profit of Rs. 9.33 lakhs, 10.83 lakhs and 41.65 lakhs respectively.

Food for poor at Cheaper Rates

1500. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had given its consent to provide to the poor the extra available food at cheap rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much food articles were distributed to the poor in the country so far and at what rates?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) In the interest of consumers/weaker sections, the following schemes have been approved by the Government:—

(i) The Modern Food Industries India Ltd. (MFIL)– Public Sector Enter-Prise has been allocated 1.87 lakh tonnes of wheat for a period of one year from October 94 at Rs. 1000/- per metric tonne less than the Central Issue Price for PDS, comprising 1.50 lakh tonnes for bread manufacturing subject to reduction in prices of bread and 0.37 lakh tonnes for production of energy foods subject to keeping the prices of energy foods frozen during he period of supply of wheat at concessional rate. The MFIL has reduced its price of bread by 25 paise for 400 gm. loaf and 50 paise for a 800 gm. loaf in its Delhi and Bombay Units. It has also reduced the price of bread by 50 paise for 400 gm. loaf and one rupee for 800 gm. loaf at its remaining units in the country. The franchised units of the MFIL have also been allocated 2358 MT of wheat per month from Feb. 1995 at the above concessional rate with the condition that these units would also reduce the price of their bread in line with the price reduction effected by MFIL. The scheme has been extended upto October, 1995.

(ii) In the interest of the students belonging to weaker sections, SC/ST/OBC hostels having atleast 2/3rd inmates belonging to these communities are being allocated rice and wheat at RPDs rates throughout the country. This is a permanent scheme. The total requirement of foodgrains for this scheme has been estimated at 2.45 lakh tonnes for 1995-96 tentatively.

(iii) The Government have also decided to earmark 5 lakh tonnes of foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) per annum for a period of 5 years for employment generation by manufacturing food products such as bread, buns, paper etc. by below poverty line families at a concessional rate of Rs. 1000/- per tonne less than the CIP for PDS. Out of this quantity, 3.5 lakh tonnes per annum has been earmarked for rural areas and the balance 1.5 lakh tonnes for urban areas.

Details of lifting the foodgrains during Oct., 94 to June, 95 under the above schemes are as under:—

(In tonnes)

	Wheat (P)	Rice (P)
Modern Food Industries Ltd. and Franchised Units of MFIL	1,20,714	—
SC/ST/& other Backward Class Hostels	2,382	70,843